(c) if so, at what level and whether any irregularities/corruption in the procurement have come to the light; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to ensure reasonable good quality of vegetables and fruits at reasonable prices are made available through Mother Dairy outlets in the State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir. Fruit and Vegetable Unit (A Unit of Mother Dairy Foods Processing Limited) is an ISO:9001:2000 Certified Company. Strict control is exercised on the quality of fruit and vegetables supplied throguh the outlets of the company. However, at the time of shortage of onions in Delhi during September, 2005, Fruit and Vegetable Unit of Mother Dairy Food Processing Limited sold onions procured by Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi in order to make onions available at more reasonable proces to consumers. There were some press reports at that time on this issue alleging that smaller variety of onions was being sold at higher prices by Fruit and Vegetable Unit's outlets. This was investigated by Fruit and Vegetable Unit of Mother Dairy Foods Processing Limited and found to be incorrect.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. The senior officers of the level of General Manager and Head (Procurement) of Fruit and Vegetable unit of the Mother Dairy Foods Processing Limited exercise checks on the officials responsible for procurement. No irregularities/corruption in the procurement of fruits and vegetables has been reported by the Mother Dairy Food Processing Limited.

Assistance to Madhya Pradesh for Fishery Development

t*346. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1056 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 2005 and state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has made a proposal for sanctioning Rs. 52.49 lakhs for development of fishery in reservoirs under construction and constructed under he Narmada Valley Development Project, and

(b) if so, by when the said amount would be provided to the State?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. Out of Central share of Rs. 152.49 lakh, a sum of Rs. 100 lakh was released as first instalment during September 2004 to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for development of fisheries in the six reservoirs by the Narmada Valley Development Department (NVDD). However, the balance amount of Rs. 52.49 lakh could not be released due to non-receipt of the progress report and utilization certificate from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, which is mandatory.

Indian Public Health Standards

*348. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the firstever draft of the Indian Public Health Standards, to have uniform guidlines to provide quality healthcare in the country, has been released by his Ministry recently;

(b) whether it is a part and parcel of the National Rural Health Mission inaugurated by the Prime Minister recently; and

(c) the minimum functional grade prescribed for community health centres?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir, A key strategy of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) for strengthening Community Health Centres (CHCs) for First Referral Care is codification of new Indian Public Health Standards which specify the list of assured services and set up the norms for infrastructure, staff, equipment, drugs, management etc. for CHCs. In order to provide quality care in the CHCs, the standard have been prescribed to provide optimal expert care to the community and achieve and maintain an acceptable standard of quality of care. The standard would help monitor and improve the functioning of the CHCs. The components being strengthened under IPHs are: